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Office Action Summary

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GUITER ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8-10, 14-18 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7, 11-13, 19-22 and 24-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

2. Claims 1-3, 8, 9, and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Abdulrahiman et al. (20030023671).

With regard to claim 1 Abdulrahiman et al. teaches a method for displaying information comprising displaying information in a display screen region of a hand held device in an area identified by permanent printing (figure 1, items 118 and 116).

With regard to claim 2 Abdulrahiman et al. teaches the method of Claim 1 wherein said hand held device comprises a main display screen region distinct from said display screen region, said main display screen region free of any area of permanent printing (figure 1, item 114).

With regard to claim 3 Abdulrahiman et al. teaches the method of Claim 2 wherein said display screen region is implemented using a first display screen unit, and said main display screen region is implemented using a second display screen unit (figure 1, items 114 and 118).

With regard to claim 8 Abdulrahiman et al. teaches the method of Claim 1 further comprising: sensing stroke gestures within said permanent printing area via a digitizing panel;

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and displaying a representation of ink on said display screen region, said representation corresponding to said stroke gestures (column 3L, section 0027).

With regard to claim 9 Abdulrahiman et al. teaches the method of Claim 2 wherein said display screen region and said main display screen region are regions of a single display unit (figure 1, items 114 and 118).

With regard to claim 14 Abdulrahiman et al teaches a hand held computer system comprising: a first display screen region for displaying first information, said first display screen region identified by permanent printing; and a second display screen region for displaying second information (figure 1, items 118 and 116).

With regard to claim 15 Abdulrahiman et al teaches the hand held computer system of Claim 14 further comprising a processor for recognizing stroke gestures made in said first display region (column 3L, section 0027).

With regard to claim 16 Abdulrahiman et al teaches the hand held computer system of Claim 14 further comprising a digitizing panel functionally coupled to said first display screen region and said second display screen region (figure 1, item 114 section 0027).

With regard to claim 17 Abdulrahiman et al teaches the hand held computer system of Claim 14 wherein said first display region and said second display region are separate regions of a single display (figure 1, items 114 and 118 and section 0027).

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With regard to claim 18 Abdulrahiman et al teaches the hand held computer system of Claim 14 wherein said first display screen region and said second display screen region are implemented as a first display screen unit and a distinct second display screen unit (figure 1, items 114 and 118 and section 0027).

3. Claims 1, 10, 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hawkins et al. (6,295,372)

With regard to claim 1 Hawkins et al. teaches a method for displaying information comprising displaying information in a display screen region of a hand held device in an area identified by permanent printing (figure 5, items 535 and 537 and 540).

With regard to claim 10 Hawkins et al. teaches the method of Claim 1 further comprising: displaying a keyboard image on said display screen region; sensing a stroke via a digitizing panel; and selecting an alphanumeric character for input into said hand held computer system from the correspondence of said displayed keyboard image and said stroke sensed via said digitizing panel (figure 5B item 540).

With regard to claim 23 Hawkins et al. teaches in a hand held computer system, a method for displaying information comprising: displaying program information on a main display screen region of said hand held computer system; and in response to an event, displaying secondary information on a second display screen region identified by permanent printing therein, wherein said displaying secondary information does not interfere with said displaying program

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information on said main display screen region (figure 5, items 535 and 537 and 540 it is inherent that a event is the action of the user writing).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4-7, 11-13, 19-22 and 24-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. Examiner request Applicant provide evidence in this file showing that the invention was owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same entity as Hawkins et al. and Abdulrahiman et al. at the time this invention was made. Accordingly, making them disqualified for any rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) since they are 35 U.S.C. 102(e) type prior art. Please note that this prior art is still valid for 102 and double patent type rejections.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Bell whose telephone number is (703) 306-3019. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Saras, can be reached at (703) 305-9720.

Any response to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, Sixth Floor (Receptionist). Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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